

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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JANELLE BARLASS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF JANESVILLE and YURI RASHKIN,

Defendants.

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ORDER

12-cv-256-slc

Plaintiff Janelle Barlass has submitted a proposed complaint. Plaintiff has asked for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and has supported her request with an affidavit of indigency. The factors for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status are:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

In this case, plaintiff has two dependants. Plaintiff is unemployed and receives \$864 in monthly unemployment benefits, making her annual income come to \$10,368. This is below the \$16,000 threshold without even subtracting \$7400 for her two dependants. Therefore, plaintiff can proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff's complaint is taken under advisement. As soon as the court's calendar permits, plaintiff's complaint will be screened pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether the case must be dismissed either because the complaint is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary

relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Plaintiff will be notified promptly when such a decision has been made. In the meantime, if plaintiff needs to communicate with the court about this case, she should be sure to write the case number shown above on her communication.

Entered this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge